

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

SHER'MON A. ALLEN,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 4:19cv224-RH-MAF

SERGEANT ERIC POWELL et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER DIRECTING THE CLERK TO NOTIFY  
BAR MEMBERS OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
REPRESENT THE PLAINTIFF PRO BONO**

The clerk must send a notice to all attorneys registered with the court's electronic filing system. The notice must state:

This is notice of an opportunity to provide pro bono service either individually or by overseeing work of a law student or other qualified individual, including, for example, a retired attorney.

The case is *Sher'mon A. Allen v. Sergeant Eric Powell et al.*, No. 4:19cv224-RH-MJF. A jury trial will be set in Tallahassee at a date acceptable to both sides. The trial will probably last two or three days.

Mr. Allen is an inmate in the Florida Department of Corrections. He is currently housed at Santa Rosa Correctional Institution. He asserts Eighth Amendment claims against five defendants—three who allegedly assaulted him and two who stood by

and did nothing. The claims are described in the second amended complaint, ECF No. 10.

No further discovery is anticipated. The case is ready for trial.

Public funds are not available for the payment of attorney's fees. Fees may be recoverable under applicable law if Mr. Allen ultimately prevails. *See* 42 U.S.C. §1988. Limited funds sometimes are available from the district's Bench and Bar Fund for the payment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by an attorney providing representation of this type.

An attorney who wishes to represent Mr. Allen may contact him directly and may enter the case by filing a notice of appearance.

Under a Florida Bar Foundation program, a law student may be available to provide representation under the supervision of an attorney. An attorney willing to supervise a law student, or who wishes to obtain more information about this possibility, may obtain information at <FloridaProBonoMatters.org>. Upon deciding to proceed, such an attorney may contact Mr. Allen and file a notice of appearance.

Access to the electronic docket will be made available without charge for consideration of a response to this notice.

SO ORDERED on April 5, 2021.

s/Robert L. Hinkle  
United States District Judge